

Minutes of a Town of Riverhead board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Walter: "Lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, sir."

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, Reverend Cooper, would you like us to sit, stand, what would you like? Stand? We will have our invocation."

Rev. Cooper: "Would you bow your head with me, please, and your hearts."

Oh Lord, our Father, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight. Oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer, we ask, of God, that those that have petitions, those that have comments to bring before this board, that they would speak with clarity of heart and we ask that you will grant the board, that they may have wisdom and understanding, oh God; that they may give righteous judgment; that it may be done in earth here in Riverhead as it is in heaven and we ask your blessings and we thank you, oh God, for preserving us and protecting this land of the free and home of the brave, in the (inaudible) name of Jesus,

Amen."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Rev. Cooper, we really appreciate you coming out. Rev. Cooper is from the House of Praise Christian Revival Center of Riverhead and that's right on Roanoke Avenue, I believe.

Okay. We have a big agenda here. Our first- I don't know, does the town board know that we have a birthday here today?

Warren McKnight, why don't you step up front and center. We've got something for Warren McKnight, it's his birthday. You want to come up? Oh, come on up."

Warren McKnight: "I know you have a very quick agenda today, we'll be very quick."

Supervisor Walter: "No. It's not a quick agenda."

Warren McKnight: "You've got to do government work. You've got to make the town better."

Supervisor Walter: "It is government work. I haven't seen you since-

Warren McKnight, today is Warren McKnight's birthday and everybody- and every once in a while, it's good for the town board to be grounded in certain things. And Warren McKnight provides grounding for us whether he's down at the- you had a recent trip into New York City to visit some folks and you were playing the banjo and you see him periodically on Main Street. I've seen him in Sayville and he has a way of just brightening up the day and making everything lighthearted.

So- and I don't want to say lighthearted, but lightening everything up, the burdens of the day. Warren is one of these guys that no matter how burdened you are, you look at Warren, he brings that banjo out and suddenly things feel better.

And I can tell you just seeing him, after five minutes of the meeting that I just had before I came here and my heart was heavy, Warren, you made me feel better just seeing you.

You've entertained hundreds of people across- actually the

country. You were in a movie, you were at- what's it, Saboski Park (phonetic), Sacatti Park (phonetic) in the city last week. And you're celebrating your 68th birthday today.

So we have a proclamation and, John, why don't you tell everybody what day it is today?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Warren McKnight Day in the town of Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "So, Warren, congratulations. Would you like to play happy birthday for yourself?"

Warren McKnight: "I'd like to say if my banjo gets on your nerves, it's John Dunleavy's fault because on a cold December night when he first got- after his election, he invited me to his inauguration and to play at it, you know, and it was really nice. So he encouraged it.

And I won't- I'm actually moving out of Riverhead because the fact is that when I went down to Sacatti Park, the people told me not to come back or they'd leave, so the Federal Reserve, the Stock Exchange, and the bankers offered me a million dollars so I'm going to there today.

No, everybody has a tough job and here I have a thank you from the third estate, Newsday, one of the newspapers, and everybody has their names on it to the town board, thanking them for their encouragement. I'll give this here.

And I'm not going to sing happy birthday but Rev. Cooper, I met her once, after twice- the second time I saw her here and I met her once at Friendly's with a family and some friends, and that voice, Rev. Cooper, and that joy and grace I always change my agenda.

I'm going to- I'll sing Amazing Grace, the first verse twice, the second time I want everybody to sing because I don't know all the other verses.

And this is to everybody. It's a wonderful town and young people here from Riley Avenue, if you want to be good citizens, don't play the banjo on Main Street. No. Thank you.

Ready?"

(At this time, Warren McKnight sang Amazing Grace)

Warren McKnight: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Warren, thank you very much for coming out today."

Warren McKnight: "Thank you guys and girls. God bless you and your work."

Supervisor Walter: "We're staying there. We've got some—we've got out K-9— let's have everybody up here involved with the K-9 from the police department first."

Officer Morris, Rocky, I want to introduce everybody. This is our newest K-9 and this is Officer John Morris and this is Rocky and Rocky— Officer Morris, you want to tell us some information about Rocky because I don't want to— "

Officer Morris: "Rocky is a German Shepherd, he's about a year and a half old. He's from Poland and about a year and a half old. He started training back in May of this year to have him be a police service dog."

His initial training makes him what they call patrol certified. We are— he's certified to find people and/or evidence that may be from either lost or from a crime, persons who (inaudible).

From there— the dogs that we use, we train with the Suffolk County Police Department. They can be cross trained in three different specialities, one being narcotics, the other being cadavers or bombs or explosives.

We have two dogs in Riverhead. The other dog is— actually (inaudible) and he is handled by Officer (inaudible) and he is currently in advanced narcotics training with Rocky now. (Inaudible)"

Supervisor Walter: "And Rocky's name is somewhat special. Would you like to share why Rocky was chosen?"

Officer Morris: "I thought the name Rocky— he's actually named after former Chief of Police Roscoe Palmer who had passed

away- actually it's two years ago today I believe, and I think that traditions are important especially in police work and I know Vincent Palmer, our union president, worked real hard on trying to replace a dog.

We had a dog that passed away in October of last year and they were trying to get a dog to replace it and worked real hard on it. So I thought that- those things being said, it was important to honor the memory of his father.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "We've got the PBA and the police department. Very early on, it's on, but it's on low. If I speak into it like this, they can hear me.

Our PBA president Vincent Palmer and vice-president Chris (inaudible) came in very early on, I guess it was 2010 and we talked about the police dog. And through a generous donation of the district attorney's office, Tom Spota, who not only donated the dog but donated money to train the dog and different things, we wound up with Rocky.

And it's fitting too that we come here today because Officer Morris has done something that you don't see that often and we should see it more often.

Officer Morris wants to acknowledge the buildings and grounds crew. Guys, come on up. Buildings and grounds and the vehicle garage, town garage, come on up. Come on up.

The municipal garage, Mike Curtis and Richard Warner, went out of their way. You can (inaudible) them because they're the important ones here. They went out of their way to outfit on of the police cruisers as a canine unit.

But that wasn't enough because it's not the cheapest thing to have a canine. There's a lot that goes into that. So buildings and grounds, Guy Cawley is the supervisor of buildings and grounds, Garry Hubbard, Dave Zubrawski, Greg Pollack and Ziggy- Ziggy, give me a help.

They went beyond the call of duty. They constructed the kennel. They went to Officer Morris' house, constructed the kennel

and got everything together. And this is what it means to be part of the family. These guys didn't talk about well, I can't do it because I don't want to-- you know, I've got other things to do. We can't make it happen. They made it happen.

And Officer Morris sent a letter about a week or two ago, you know, wanting us to acknowledge you guys and so the town board is going to do this and, Jodi, why don't you-- there's one in there for each one of them. You want to read them out-- . We're going to have you guys, give you certificates."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay. Michael Curtis from the municipal garage. Thank you. Richard Warner from the municipal garage. Gary Hubbard, buildings and grounds. Dave Zubrawski, buildings and grounds. Gregory Pollack, buildings and grounds. And Ziggy."

Supervisor Walter: "Guy, come on over too."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Guy Cawley."

Supervisor Walter: "This is a gentleman that-- Guy Cawley-- our buildings and grounds supervisor who if there's a task that has to be done, he rises and he does it. And you never have to-- although there are a couple of things I've asked him to do, he's like you're crazy, we can't do that, but I appreciate that.

Because, you know, sometimes, you know, that's a reality check. But you guys do a great job and I probably left your certificate on my desk, so we want to thank you guys for coming out and we appreciate all the help."

(Some inaudible comments)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. We have some children in the audience but you guys are not the Webelos, right? No, they're not the boy scouts. What are you guys here for, the public hearing? Okay.

All right. Can we get-- we will have the Riley Avenue Boy Scouts here but they're probably not going to be here until about 3:15. So when they come, we'll acknowledge them. John?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'd like to make a motion to approve

the minutes of the October 18, 2011 minutes. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Councilman Wooten: "As always, the first meeting in the month we always like to showcase one of the dogs at the animal shelter. Today available for adoption is a dog named Tyson, it's an American Staffordshire terrier. It's a male, it's neutered, it's a year and a half old. This is outside on the board if you want to see him. He looks like Petey from the Rascals. It's a great dog.

What does it say? It says he loves to go for walks, enjoys being the center of attention like most dogs. Tyson, unlike his nickname or namesake, is a gentle dog and a real people lover.

So we encourage you to stop by the shelter and to check out our animals up there. We've really got a great bunch of dogs up there, so don't leave them alone for the holidays. Come and get them."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you. Applications."

APPLICATIONS:

Special event	Competitive Events Group Inc. - triathlon in Wading River on July 7-8, 2012
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REPORTS:

Sewer District	discharge monitoring report September, 2011
Police Department	monthly report, September, 2011
Fire Districts	Wading River Fire District - 2012 budget summary

Manorville Fire District - 2012
budget summary

Jamesport Fire District - 2011
budget summary

Jamesport Fire District - annual
election notice - December 13,
2011

CORRESPONDENCE:

1 postcard

requesting adoption of a short
term moratorium for the Wading
River corridor

Peter Danowski

letter suggesting changes to the
proposed change to Chapter 108
Zoning site plan review
(public hearing 10/18/11)

Diane Wilhelm: "And that's it."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Is there any other committee
reports?"

All right. The first- I guess what we'll do is we'll open up
the first public hearing."

Public hearing opened: 2:25 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "2:05- it was scheduled for 2:05. 2:05
having arrived, it is town residents are invited to- public hearings
is for town residents to express their views for the local housing
and community development needs to meet our CDBG block grant funds.

Do we have- Joe, do you want to talk about this at all? Joey
is from our community development agency."

Joe Maiorana: "Hello. The block grant funding is actually
federal HUD funding that's passed down through Suffolk County.
We're expected to receive approximately \$117,000 this year. In
years past, that's helped to fund things like the home improvement
program, program administration, public services and public

infrastructure projects.

We can't use any more than \$17,000 towards administration and individual organizations can't receive less than \$5,000. In years past we've given about \$5,000 to four or five groups."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you. At this point, we'll listen to the public if you want to come up and speak about your organization. I see there's a couple people that want to come up. Hello, how are you doing today?"

Laurie Nigro: "Good. How are you guys?"

Supervisor Walter: "That community gardens looks great and I just want to say that the comfort station is done and we can get you limited keys. We're working on a way to get it open permanently in the summertime. I have some phone calls to make. There's some people that I think will work with us to keep it open.

So I know I digress but if you see Jill- she's not here today, but would you see Jill and we'll get you some keys so at least you can lease it for the interim 'til it gets winterized.

Anyway, if you'd state your name and hamlet for the record, that would be great."

Laurie Nigro: "Laurie Nigro and I live in Riverhead and I'm one of the co-founders of the River and Roots community garden and I think that an excellent use of some of this grant money would be for a playground, a small playground downtown.

As many of us who live downtown and have families, and that's a growing number, know there's not a play space or play area that's in walking distance for us. And downtown has become really a gem lately. There's so many things to do.

We're very proud of the community gardens; we're very proud of the town and the BID for the events that are put on and all the things and the foot traffic and the restaurants opening and it's a great place to be, but you don't always want to spend money to be perfectly honest.

You want to go down and Grangibel looks amazing. It's nice to stroll through with your kids but there's not- other than, you know,

a little play time on the stage, there's not really a lot for them to do. And you know living here for nine years and going from strollers to now kids walking with me, it would be really nice to have an area for them to play.

And I think having the aquarium on one end and having a playground on West Main Street on the other end would be really nice book-ends to make it really welcoming, family friendly downtown.

So I hope- "

Supervisor Walter: "I think Councilman Dunleavy wants to tell you something."

Laurie Nigro: "Okay."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We are going to put a playground behind the comfort station, that area behind the comfort station, and we hope it's in place by the summer of 2012."

But there is one that's going back there. We just have to get it there and put it up and a fence around it."

Laurie Nigro: "That's fantastic."

Supervisor Walter: "See how quick he works? This guy is amazing. You come to a hearing and he does it."

Laurie Nigro: "Thank you. I thank you for all the things that all of you have done for downtown. It's really fabulous."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you very much, Laurie. Yes. Come on up."

Judy Barth: "Can you hear me?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. Just give us your name and your hamlet."

Judy Barth: "I'm Judy Barth and I'm here on behalf of Bread and More Inn. Bread and More is the local chapter of the Interfaith Nutritional Network. We are housed at the First Congregational

Church in downtown Riverhead.

Most of you know us as the soup kitchen. However, we are more than that. We provide dinners three nights a week to anyone in need. Dinners start with soup, then salad, meat, starch, vegetable and followed by a dessert.

Some of what is served is donated by a local farm and the neighborhood King Kullen. We are a non-for-profit and have been in operation for over 20 years. We are also health department certified.

We are indiscriminate in who comes for dinner and there are various reasons as to why guests are there. In these economic times, we are seeing an increase of two and sometimes three times the number of guests.

Last winter we saw the numbers rise to 165 dinners per night. The average dinner costs about \$1.75 to \$2.00 per person. Our numbers keep rising along with our cost as we struggle to maintain our standard of serving a nutritional meal in a safe environment.

This year we face many challenges as our FEMA monies have been canceled and our monthly rent was increased in the beginning of this year.

So once again I am before you to seek out the funding that you have so graciously supported us with in the past. This year this funding is extremely important to us to help get us through the year.

Thank you for your time, your past consideration in this matter and I hope you can help us.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Miss Barth. Yes, next."

Tracy Lutz: "Good afternoon. Tracy Lutz, Director of Maureen's Haven program."

Supervisor Walter: "Hi, Miss Lutz. We have not formally met but we've spoken- "

Tracy Lutz: "Yes, we have, and first of all I'd like to thank all of you for all of your support of Maureen's Haven program, not only financially through the town community development funding but every night having at least one police officer on the site where we're screening at the railroad. We're very appreciative.

I would like to tell you that this year we will not be screening at the railroad, at least on the nights that we're running the program."

Supervisor Walter: "That's wonderful."

Tracy Lutz: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "You have a new- do you want to just- the board doesn't know this, but do you want to just expand upon that a little bit?"

Tracy Lutz: "Yeah, I want to talk a little bit about that.

We have re-located from West Main over to Lincoln Street which is about a block north of the railroad station. We run the shelter program on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. So that's when Maureen's Haven is in operation.

And now this year, another church has gone out independently, that's Mattituck Presbyterian, so on Tuesday evenings, which tonight is the first night of the program, and Thursday evenings. They will still be screening at the train station."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Tracy Lutz: "We, Maureen's Haven, will not be. We, God willing and everything being equal, we have been directing our clients, the people who will be using the services, to come to our day center on Lincoln Street where we will screen indoors. It will give us the ability to do a better screen so that we can really access for behavior issues, alcohol and drug use and make sure that, you know, we're bringing a relatively safe group of people to the congregations that are hosting the shelter every evening.

We will be able to do a drug screen and more importantly we won't have, you know, 50 or so homeless guests standing at the train station every evening. (A) we'd like to eliminate that just from a

dignity perspective, but we'd also like to eliminate that because all the wonderful work that you're all doing to really beautify the downtown, make it a welcoming place for people to go to, we'd like to help you with that effort.

So we're very excited about it. And we have gotten some funding through-- Southampton Bath and Tennis charitable fund has given us a nice piece of money to open that up and get started. So it's not just Riverhead township that's involved in supporting the program although our main office is here.

Our plan is to screen and then those guests that we will put on public transportation, we will put them in our van, bring them to the train station and put them on the bus. Probably, I would say on a high night maybe 15 people and the rest will remain back at the day center and then we'll transport from there to whatever church.

Now the day center, we're also planning on being open seven days a week, hopefully, to minimize all of the traffic at the library and other places downtown. Now obviously we can't force people to come but we are trying to make it as welcome as possible to let our homeless guests in the area get out of the cold and to offer some programming.

We have many volunteers who have come forward who are going to do everything from GED to computer classes to basic financial, to counseling to health and wellness.

So that's our plan and so far we're, you know, we're settled in and I'd like to come back, you know, maybe in a month or so and let you know how it's going."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely. I'll tell you, this is what we spoke about probably 18 months ago about trying to do this type of thing with a day center because you're not-- nobody-- you're not doing anybody any justice by just kind of dumping at the train station on a day that may be 28 or 30 degrees and saying okay, run your own.

So I commend your efforts and I know I'm going to support the Maureen's Haven and I'm sure the board probably will too."

Tracy Lutz: "Well I certainly appreciate that. As I said, I will come back and let you know how we're doing and I can't thank

you enough for all the support that you've offered us.

This is now my- I'm now entering my second season so I'm kind of new at this but I've been in the social service arena for over two decades and I do believe in a continued care and that is the direction that we'll be going in."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think you guys, Maureen's Haven, does a lot for the homeless people that we have in the town of Riverhead here.

I just want to ask you one question. How many clients do you transport at night to a shelter for sleeping? I know it goes from low to high because- "

Tracy Lutz: "On average, last year, and I have some remarks for you which I'll give to the clerk, she can pass it to you.

Last year we worked with 252 individuals at least once. We had on average 40 homeless adults per night. About 7% of those are veterans. Quite a few from Afghanistan this past season. We had-- about 20% were women, the rest were men. And our high for the season was 57.

The churches in the Riverhead area or in Riverhead township that we work with are Old Steeple, the Grange, the First Baptist, I believe- oh, and Our Redeemer Lutheran in Aquebogue are sites that provide either coordination meals or actual sleeping accommodations."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think they do a wonderful work for these people who because of economic times are homeless and don't have any place to go and especially during the winter they'll be sleeping in the woods or some other makeshift place if it wasn't for Maureen's Haven transporting these people to the different churches that will take them in for the night. And the churches give them breakfast in the morning. They give them a sandwich, right?"

Tracy Lutz: "They give them a hot dinner, homemade. They give them you know fellowship and some of them have shower facilities. They give them a hot breakfast. People are coming in at 5:00 in the morning to make a hot breakfast, and a bag lunch. Yes."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Right. So I want to thank you. You're doing a great job."

Tracy Lutz: "Well thank you so much for your support. I really appreciate it."

Supervisor Walter: "Hello, Deacon Finter."

Fred Finter: "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Fred Finter, I'm here to speak about the Wading River Cemetery.

And we're seeking some financial assistance for a project that we began about two years ago and that is the repair of the headstones in the cemetery.

If you're not familiar with the Wading River cemetery, it was organized in 1900, incorporated in 1903 so we have a lot of headstones that over the years, the hundred years or so have been damaged because they didn't always make them out of marble and granite but rather out of sandstone and other types of composition of stone.

They absorb water in the winter, they freeze, they crack and they fall apart in many pieces. We have an historical designation from the town of Riverhead and also from the state of New York and in an attempt to maintain our historical appearance and also to serve the loved ones buried there, we are in need of a little more maintenance money.

If you're not familiar with the way the state requires us to bank, we have to keep three accounts and all our monies of course come from the sale of burial plots. The three accounts, one is a perpetual account which we can't touch; one is a semi-perpetual account out of which we can use the interest. Now when interest was interest that was a big help. Now you can't buy a lollipop with the interest. And then we have our maintenance account which, of course, encompasses grass cutting, filling in depressed graves, removing trees. Irene took a big bite out of our maintenance budget with fallen trees.

And so we have spent over the past two years about \$3,500 to repair 20 headstones and we'd like to continue that project and maintain the appearance of the cemetery.

So thank you for your time."

Supervisor Walter: "That cemetery has the distinction of having the longest running town supervisor in Riverhead's history, Sylvester Miller and I believe Joe Janoski, Supervisor Janoski said that it was 20 years that he was town supervisor from Wading River, so there's a special place in the town's heart for that cemetery for that reason alone."

Fred Finter: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "For anybody that doesn't know, the cemetery is located on North Wading River Road."

Fred Finter: "Yes. North Wading River Road, Wading River."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. Just up from the Congregational Church."

Fred Finter: "Yup, just between the Congregational Church and Little Flower."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, sir."

Fred Finter: "Thank you very much for your time."

Supervisor Walter: "You can pull it down."

Judy Catin: "Hi, I'm Judy Catin and I'm representing the Riverhead Garden Club which has been around from 1931.

What- we've done a lot of educational things. We've worked with the hospital, we maintain gardens and what I'm asking right now is some financial assistance for the East End Arts garden which we maintain.

It's been there from 1860. It was in the Corwin family at the time and it's a historical house and what we need now are boxwoods around the edges and they're kind of expensive.

Jack Van deWetering from Townscapes and from Ivy Acres has been very helpful with flowers in there and the garden club is maintaining it. And we also thank the grounds and maintenance people because they do all the rest of the grass mowing and

whatever.

Right now we're just looking for some assistance with civic beautification because it is part of the town and we'd like to restore the historical aspect of the garden."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Barta."

Bob Barta: "Bob Barta, president of the council for the Vail Leavitt Hall. I'm representing that group. We are listed on the state and national and local historic registers. It is a non-profit 501-C-3 charitable corporation which is made up entirely of volunteer staff and we provide a large number of charitable services during the year to a variety of fundraising organizations for Toys for Tots, for cancer fundraisers, for- and actually for several years, the local Riverhead Idol organization event.

And what I'm here to ask for is for some financial support from the block grant for capital and infra-structure improvements to allow us to expand the types of offerings that we have. To allow for multi-media presentation, for better publicity and promotion in terms of facade and signage work, and potential other maintenance and upgrade issues.

The last time that the Vail Leavitt actually got a solid repainting inside was just prior to its grand re-opening which is now about eight years ago. And so it's in need of some assistance in upgrade there in order to fulfill our mission to the community."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think everybody should realize in the town of Riverhead the Vail Leavitt, it's an old, old theater."

Bob Barta: "We just celebrated our 130 birthday."

Councilman Dunleavy: "It's 130 years old and what everybody should do, they have show there and support the Vail Leavitt and go to their shows because they bring a lot of good- and it's a real old theater. I mean you go in there, you think you're back in time when

you sit in the chairs and watch the stage.

So I just want to request the people that are out there, they hear about these shows or they see them advertised, that they go and give their support to the Vail Leavitt. You guys have done a great job in fixing it up."

Bob Barta: "We appreciate the support there and, yeah, check out the website. There's actually a couple of noteworthy performances coming up this winter. It will be in December."

Supervisor Walter: "Bob, let us know when they are. If we can get it up on channel 22- you guys are not allowed to do commercials but that's not really a commercial. If you guys ever shoot any U-tube or anything and you want to get it, we'll put it up on channel 22. At least your residents will see it."

Bob Barta: "Appreciate that."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you, Bob."

Supervisor Walter: "Hello Liz."

Liz Stokes: "Hello. My name is Liz Stokes. I live in the hamlet of Riverhead.

I'm not here to ask for money today. You already like solved all my issue today. I wanted a playground; I wanted the police recognized for everything. I came here by (inaudible), you guys already took care of it. So thank you very much. I'm not here to ask for money, I just want to tell you you're doing a great job."

Supervisor Walter: "I thought you were coming to help out CAP or something."

Liz Stokes: "Oh, I'm helping out the playground now.

What I would like you to consider is after you do the playground, there's going to need to be a walkway."

Supervisor Walter: "We are- "

Liz Stokes: "All right. I want to be a part of that, okay. I've got some ideas about a walkway so that every resident can

finally own a piece of Main Street. Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "That's a good idea."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I want to say something about Liz. She is a volunteer and she volunteers for almost everything for this town and the kids in this town so I want to thank her personally for doing all the work you do voluntarily and all the kids and everybody really enjoy stuff because of you."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely."

Liz Stokes: "You're welcome. I love this town as much as everybody else does. And you can see today by the amount of kids that are here, they were ready to go to battle for their playground. We've already solved it."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, they saw what happened. We cave quickly when the kids come out."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I want to point something out. I want to point one other thing out. We have a company that's looking to come out here and donate lighting for the park. It's going to be solar driven and it will have lights in there also and that will be at no cost to the town."

Liz Stokes: "Excellent, excellent. You are doing a good job."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "We should know more on Thursday. So we're all reaching out. The whole board has been working hard to make that work."

Liz Stokes: "And the Maureen's Haven lady, she's got some veterans that are homeless. She should contact me. Okay. I have (inaudible) housing for veterans that are homeless."

Supervisor Walter: "Did Miss Lutz leave? Because Suffolk County Combined Veterans Relocation from Patchogue, they're not a county organization but that's their name and they're on Roanoke- I think they're in the- "

Liz Stokes: "Suffolk County United Veterans, I volunteer for them."

Supervisor Walter: "Right. She's like you, John. That's why John sees you everywhere."

Councilman Dunleavy: "But I'll tell you what. Liz, is at the library collecting food for the veterans. This is for the veterans."

Liz Stokes: "Yes. While I have the mike, the Riverhead Library as we always have in the month of November, we're hosting a food drive. It's called food for fine. If you owe any money to the library up to \$20.00, you bring in a non-perishable item and we waive those fines. One non-perishable item counts for a dollar.

What we've seen in the last seven years that we've been doing this, people are more generous. In other words, it's only costing us about \$400.00 for the month but we're getting over \$5,000 worth of items. So we've been filling the local food banks for many years on this.

This year to honor our veterans, we are doing our first major delivery November 9th to the Suffolk County United Veterans food bank on Roanoke Avenue. They're going to allow us to even deliver it to their shelter in Yaphank.

Since I started the talk of this around the town, there have been not only non-perishable items delivered, blankets. These guys need blankets. They need men's clothes. They need shoes."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, so I'm going to say that you are here talking about Suffolk County--"

Liz Stokes: "United Veterans Association."

Supervisor Walter: "-- United-- and you'd like them to get CBS veterans block grant money."

Liz Stokes: "Oh, that would be fabulous. That would be absolutely fabulous."

Supervisor Walter: "There was a reason you are here, Liz."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's right, see."

Liz Stokes: "Just don't think you're the only ones I go

after. I also have a contact with General (inaudible) who's the head of the United States Armed Services. So if I have to go all the way, I have to go all the way."

Supervisor Walter: "Well listen, let them know you came and spoke on their behalf because now I've got Suffolk County United Veterans- "

Liz Stokes: "Thank you, guys."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And if anybody sees Liz walking around town, say hello and thank her. She does a lot for the town of Riverhead."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Give her a hug."

Supervisor Walter: "Is anybody here from- "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Joe, I have one question. The amount of the block grant this year, how does that compare to last year?"

Joe Maiorana: "Down."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "It is down."

Councilman Wooten: "About fifteen thousand."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Fifteen thousand."

Supervisor Walter: "Fifteen percent cut."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "Is anybody here from CAP? Okay. Well, I'm going to put a plug in for CAP. We always- I don't want to say we always, but in the past we've given to CAP and that would be one that we need to continue. It's surprising that they're not- "

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Well, I think (inaudible). I think that's picked up by the Salvation Army. But CAP is something, we know what it is and we'll put a plug in for that."

Does anybody else wish to be heard on this? Okay. We'll close this out, the public portion and we'll leave it open for written comment until- We can leave it open, Joe, for written comment until the 11th at 4:30 p.m., Friday, the 11th, 4:30 p.m. in the town clerk's office."

Public hearing closed: 2:48 p.m.

Left open for 10 days for written
comment to Friday, November 11, 2011

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I just say something? If anybody doesn't know what CAP is, it's Community Awareness Program. They have volunteers that go into the fifth grade in Pulaski Street and they talk to the kids about not using tobacco or not using drugs- "

Councilman Wooten: "It's just say no."

Councilman Dunleavy: "It's just say no program and they have a march every year in May from Pulaski Street School down to Main Street. So it's a great organization and, again, they're all volunteers. They have one- two paid staff, a leader and a secretary. So- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "And volunteers."

Councilman Dunleavy: "So you have to support them."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yup. And they're having a big fundraiser come June of 2012 at the Farm in Yaphank. It's going to be family fun day. So everybody should look forward to that day. It ought to be a great time."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. We closed that out."

Public hearing opened: 2:49 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "We're going to open up the second public hearing scheduled for 2:10, 2:10 having arrived and left."

This is for the consideration of the adoption of the 2012 annual budget for the town of Riverhead.

Looks like the kids are not that interested in the budget adoption. All right, thank you. Bye, bye.

Does anybody wish to be heard on the annual budget? How are you doing, Sal?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Just a quick question. The town justices. Is that full time position or part time."

Supervisor Walter: "They work one day- I'm going to let you judge it. They work one day-- one week, seven days a week and then they're off seven days and then they're on seven days."

Councilman Wooten: "Alternate weeks."

Supervisor Walter: "Alternate weeks. And they work in between, they still work because there's decisions and things that have to be written. So they're seven days on, seven days off. But they are here in their off time doing other things."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Does anybody else wish to be heard on the budget? Yes."

Paul Thompson: "My name is Paul Thompson."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Paul, raise it up a little before you talk."

Paul Thompson: "Yeah. My name is Paul Thompson. After many years, the town of Riverhead went out to bid last year on their fire and security alarm contract and I guess mainly to save tax money. I had estimated that it was on a five year contract, that we could probably save about \$80,000 on your budget.

This municipal sealed bid was opened on December 3, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at which time publicly opened and read aloud the bids and there were there bids.

This year the town board made a resolution, the same 158 pages request for a bid on the fire security and alarm system contract which was sent out except now the sealed proposals will be received on November 9, 2011 until 4:00 p.m. and then two days later, the bid

will be opened. And I'm a little confused on that."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Does this have to do with the town budget?"

Paul Thompson: "Well- "

Supervisor Walter: "This is a public hearing on the town budget, Paul."

Paul Thompson: "Okay, all right. So this- later on- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "I think what he's trying to say is that it could save money if we were to extend- or do a longer contract. Is that what you're saying?"

Paul Thompson: "Well, it's good that you go out to bid but the water district didn't go out to bid last year which we could save a lot of money, and the sewer district went out to bid at a later date. So I was a little confused, you know, why that took place and, you know, we could save a lot of money if you do go out to bid on other contracts.

But I don't understand why they would wait two days to open it. I've done this for 45 years bidding municipal buildings- "

Supervisor Walter: "Diane will- it doesn't have anything to do with the town budget, but- "

Diane Wilhelm: "We had an issue last winter. We had a snowstorm and we didn't expect that and the bids are supposed to be opened that day. And because of that, that created- it became problematic for the bid.

So our town attorney's office thought that perhaps that would alleviate problems like that, unforeseen weather and different things that could happen, if we had a day for delivery and then just delayed that opening for a couple of days. That snowstorm caused havoc with the opening of that bid."

Paul Thompson: "No, it didn't. I was there."

Diane Wilhelm: "Not that bid, a different bid."

Paul Thompson: "Oh, a different bid."

Diane Wilhelm: "A different bid. Right."

Paul Thompson: "In 45 years, I never, ever had the experience of a two day delay before opening bids."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. We're going to cut this part of the conversation. Because this is a public hearing for the budget, Paul, if you want to come back and- during the general comment period, we can do it. If you want to talk to us privately with the board members, you can do that, too. But it's not budget related. I'm sorry."

Paul Thompson: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard on the budget?"

Dennis Yuen: "Good afternoon, Dennis Yuen."

Supervisor Walter: "Good afternoon."

Dennis Yuen: "Is this on? You can hear me, okay. I just have a quick question. I was reviewing the budget lines and- "

Supervisor Walter: "Can you just state your name?"

Dennis Yuen: "Dennis Yuen, Riverhead. The question I had was on the public parking district, the rate seems to have gone up from a dollar-- 1.146 per thousand to 11.167 a thousand. I was just wondering how that- obviously the town is making revenue but does that affect the district themselves directly or is that- you know, tenfold, eleven-fold percentage and what was the justification of that formula?"

Supervisor Walter: "Give us the questions and I'll have the financial- that's the only one? Okay."

Are there other questions? Anybody else want to be heard on the budget? Bill, you're writing down the questions? You can- "

Philip Cardinale: "Yeah, I have just a couple of questions. The first is my understanding is that the police contract is up in

'12 and I'm wondering if within the budget you have budgeted for increases in those salaries.

My understanding is that the arbitration awards have been not less than 3% so I can't find where that's budgeted. So I'd appreciate being pointed in the direction.

Secondly, I also could not see in the budget any indication of budgeting for subdivision at the EPCAL site including professional services. If that has been included in the budget, could someone point me to it.

And, finally, in September of 2010 the water district received a check for \$937,605.21 in settlement of the MTBE case which as you know it started during my administration, was suing oil refiners regarding pollution from MTBE.

That money doesn't appear to be in the water district reserve fund although the check for the \$937,605.21 went— came with the water district's name on it. So where is that money?

Those are the three questions."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard on the budget? Oh, who was that? All right. Well, I'll answer— Bill, you want to come up? Bill."

Bill Rothaar: "Okay, we'll start with the parking district question. As to why the rate's changed. I'll have to look at that. The amount— the total amount in the district is actually down \$4,000 from the year before. So I don't know why the rate change on that. I'll have to look at the assessed value. I don't know if last year's rate or this year's rate is incorrect. So it did not change by that amount, so I'll have to look it up."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. So that may be more of a typographical type— . Dennis will get the information to you."

Bill Rothaar: "As far as the— "

Supervisor Walter: "I can answer the subdivision. The subdivision of EPCAL was budgeted for in the CDA in 2000— it was \$450,000 of revenues in 2011. There was a runway use license agreement monies and about \$300,000 left in the CDA account.

Basically runway use license agreement money that's left in the CDA account and that's been encumbered for the subdivision.

Do you want to- police contract, we have no idea what was going to be, you know, we don't know that we're going to binding arbitration or not binding arbitration so there's not really a clear path as to how much to put into the budget. So there is- we have the availability of revenues in the budget in the- oh, you want to say something?"

Bill Rothaar: "Yeah. Well, we went- but the CSEA contract has zero one and one and a half, and I think that was the rationale going zero one and one-- but we have no agreement so, therefore, that's what we put in. Until we have an agreement- "

Supervisor Walter: "There's no way to know (inaudible) budgeted and we would take the money out of the reserve fund as necessary.

So- and then the water district is- this was a class action lawsuit MTBE. My recollection is it was nationwide and most towns don't have water districts but they were awarded money for these- under this class action lawsuit so Dick Ehlers, the water district attorney, gave us a legal memorandum saying that it does not have to be earmarked for the water district because we- it wasn't earmarked to clean up specific wells. It was for the aquifer of the general population. And since not everybody is serviced by the Riverhead water district, the indication was that that could be put into the reserve fund and that's where it went.

Does anybody else- Mr. Romano."

Steve Romano: "Good afternoon. Steve Romano, Riverhead. Just out of curiosity, a little frustrating seeing that our town had a higher tax rate than most of the other towns. I caught you guys on channel 22 and I understand the reasoning behind it.

But out- my curiosity is if you had to maintain a 2% and not go over it, pensions and health costs and everything else that I think were excluded, what would- and not using your reserve fund, what would have had to happen? Major layoffs?"

Supervisor Walter: "If we didn't use- there's a structural deficit in the town's- there's a structural- the town has a

structural deficit. We've been relying on reserve funds for 10 years and we relied-- in 2010, it was roughly about five point-- about four point seven that was known use of reserve funds but there was another-- I'm going to say \$500,000 of revenue we would never receive.

So we reduced that structural deficit to two point six million. We tried to-- and we cut three million dollars out of the spending in 2010 to 11 and we-- this year we also relied on two point six million.

And here's the problem. Every million dollars of spending is a 3% tax increase. So if you were to try to eliminate the structural deficit and it goes-- the structural deficit actually goes beyond just the use of reserve funds. There's other things in the budget that need to be corrected.

But if you were to do the math, that's three, six-- I don't know, you know I'm going to say seven, eight percent on top of the two percent. You would have been facing a ten percent tax increase.

Is that about right, Bill, this year completely-- "

Bill Rothaar: (Inaudible)

Supervisor Walter: "And so we're doing the best we can. At the end of 2012, we're only going to have about eight million dollars left in reserve funds and we're hoping the economy turns around and we're also hoping to pay down debt. Once we get the subdivision done at EPCAL, there are some people that expressed interest in buying lots in EPCAL.

If we're re-elected and this board stays whole, we're going-- this board has pretty much agreed that money we come in at EPCAL, will pay down town debt. That's the way to reduce the taxes. The debt's been run up too high.

And we've done a lot of things. We're on the street right now selling debt from '08 and '09 and the water district debt that we put on the town. But we went through the budget, excuse me, the town had a propensity to bond things like cars and keyless entry systems and different things that you would not normally bond. And we paid those things off cash because you can't-- we can't just keep bonding everything that we should be using as a normal operating

expense.

But that was the long answer. The short answer is you're probably looking to, (inaudible), about 10 to 11 percent tax increase if we try to eliminate that structural deficit this year."

Steve Romano: "And if you did it in layoffs, how many layoffs would you be talking?"

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, I'm going to guess 30. Well, I'll—we laid off 13 people and that was about a \$700,000 savings. That was a combination of full time and part time. So it's really hard to say. But it would be—the town—it would be catastrophic. The town would not function in the way you're accustomed to—the town could not stand that number of layoffs."

Steve Romano: "Just one more curiosity question and I know I hate them when I get them, but in hindsight the dispatcher vote, does anybody think that maybe that was a mistake being that the county could have provided the service. I know there was all the discussions about who could do it better and, again, I know it's unwelcome news if you're a dispatcher here and somebody's telling you you're going to get laid off."

Councilman Wooten (Inaudible)

Steve Romano: "Exactly. But anybody up there think that maybe the will of the people might— could have been a better way? I don't know."

Councilman Wooten: "They didn't think so."

Steve Romano: "And the other question. Remember Bridgewater or whatever the heck that— "

Supervisor Walter: "Broadwater."

Steve Romano: "Broadwater LNG. Anybody have any second thoughts about that? Because what I remember, everybody was against it but from what I recollect, it would have brought the town in like three or four million dollars in tax revenue.

I was kind of for it, you know, myself but I don't know if that thing is totally dead and never come up again."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, I think that's gone away. We've never really evaluated it. I think it's completely gone away."

Steve Romano: "Okay, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Does anybody else wish to be heard on the budget?"

Philip Cardinale: "I just want to understand on the police salaries, my understanding is there's zero budgeted in the 2012 budget for police increases."

My understanding is also that the lowest arbitration award given to police in this area thus far has been 3% annually."

Supervisor Walter: "Your understanding is correct but that's pre-tax cap- the arbitration. In Southold, I don't believe has been released and the indications are from the mayors and supervisors that I've spoken to, that arbitration awards post tax cap are going to be significantly different. And these are- that's actually in written- I'm not sure the mayor- I can't remember which mayor I was speaking to but I think that he said that that was written into the decision, that they could not look at the tax cap because it was not reality when the award came forward."

So I think you're going to see a much different picture in arbitration."

Philip Cardinale: "The judgment made in the budgeting, however, was to budget zero for 2012. If it turns out to be closer to past history at 3%, that would mean that you would have to take another nearly million dollars out of your reserves, would it not?"

Supervisor Walter: "No."

Philip Cardinale: "How much- my understanding is- "

Supervisor Walter: "I'm not going to get into a- "

Philip Cardinale: "Tell me- then if you know, would you tell me what additional reserves would have to come out if this year's police salary increase is the lowest that has yet been granted to police by an arbitrator, in other words 3%?"

How much would have to come out of the reserves?"

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to let the financial administrator answer that."

Bill Rothaar: "I'll just put it in terms of each one- "

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, but wait, I want to say something. Do you know how much our police overtime is right now? When we took office, police overtime was running about \$900,000 a year. It's under 600. We will be- we should come in, barring some natural disaster, at about \$600,000 for police overtime."

Councilman Wooten: "I knew that those (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "Go ahead, Bill."

Bill Rothaar: "Okay. So the total base salaries for police is under \$10 million dollars- between 9 and 10 million dollars. So every one percent would cost just under \$100,000."

Supervisor Walter: "So if you- "

Bill Rothaar: "Depending on where it went."

Supervisor Walter: "We can absorb \$300,000 in a \$44 million dollar budget without having too much problem."

Does anybody else wish to be heard? Okay. I'll close the public comment portion of the budget out and I'll leave it open for written comment until November 11, 2011 at 4:30 at the town clerk's office. Thank you."

Public hearing closed: 3:08 p.m.

Left open for written comment for
10 days to November 11, 2011 at
4:30 p.m. in the town clerk's office

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Comments on resolutions. Sal, how did we do?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Just for a couple of typos, you did all right."

Supervisor Walter: "Some day we'll get it right."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Resolution 816."

Supervisor Walter: "816?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Yes. The first whereas has a typo. But I have a question. Can you explain risk retention fund? What's that used for?"

Supervisor Walter: "I can but I will have Bill Rothaar explain it."

Sal Mastropaolo: "And even more important is I could see a transfer of five, six, seven, even ten thousand dollars, but one point eight million from one fund to another. What are we trying to cover here?"

Bill Rothaar: "Okay, risk retention fund was named back when I think the reason- "

Supervisor Walter: "Hold on for one second. (Inaudible) didn't realize that November 11th is Veterans Day. The two public hearings written comment will be cut off to November 10th, we'll keep it open for nine days to November 10th. Sorry. Go ahead."

Bill Rothaar: "It's really our liability reserve fund. I just think that the nomenclature when it was put together may have been misleading if you put a liability as a fund. So they named it the risk retention fund but we have two insurance reserve funds. One is for worker's compensation and one is for a liability and the risk retention is for a liability.

What happened, without getting into the cases themselves- "

Supervisor Walter: "No, I'll get into it. Oh no, I'm going to get into it.

Sal, and this is almost indescribable and in 2008 after a jury trial, a judgment was taken against the town of Riverhead. Hard to believe. Nobody knew. We come into the town office in 2010 and the

attorney finally got around to executing the judgment against the town and locked up the Riverhead water district funds. So you want to talk about mismanagement.

I cannot understand how after a jury trial we had a judgment for was it \$600,000- \$800,000 taken against the town of Riverhead after a jury trial and nobody in town hall knew anything about it until we came in and the accounts were locked up.

We have to now- because there's risk- what we do is we're self-insured up to a certain point and we have to fund that through an account. So we're transferring money back into that account to backfill that.

In fact, when we took office there was a lot of things going wrong with outside counsel. That was probably the most egregious but there's a lot more."

Sal Mastropaolo: "So you anticipate paying out one point eight million?"

Supervisor Walter: "We paid out \$800,000 already and I'll let Bill-- yeah. The answer is yes."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. "

Councilman Dunleavy: "Sal, this is also in anticipation of all the lawsuits against the town of what they may be settled for. So the risk retention is put into that account based on what they may be settled for or what they may be awarded. So we have that in the account."

Supervisor Walter: "They don't necessarily get paid out."

Sal Mastropaolo: "All right. I had to ask because it was such a big number."

Supervisor Walter: "No. Listen. It was a little shocking when our-- when we couldn't pay our water district employees in March because our accounts were locked up."

Sal Mastropaolo: "818. You've got a typo in the first whereas but more important is what's the source of the \$34,000 that you plan on spending for the downtown waterfront docks program to

support quote the East End Rowing Club?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "It's coming out of a grant we got from the county aid for economic development. We got a \$90,000 grant for the dock renovation and improvements and boathouse renovation and improvements so it's coming out of that grant funding.

The resolution is not in the packet. The financial administrator prepared it this afternoon and it's coming off the floor."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. So it's not tax money, it's grant money."

Councilwoman Giglio: "No."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. Resolution 824. You've got a matching grant of \$169,925. I don't know if it's just the way you worded it but in the first Resolve, okay, it says Riverhead shall appropriate \$339,850 from town funding sources which shall serve as a condition to obtain the matching grant of 169."

Supervisor Walter: "Right."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Isn't it a one for one matching grant or is it a two for one matching grant?"

Supervisor Walter: "It's a reimbursement so we have to put the whole amount in to show that we have it to fund the project, that we won't spend it, and then they'll reimburse us."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. Thank you."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And this also has to do with New York State DEC storm water pollution plans and municipalities cleaning up their runoff so that the duck ponds don't get filled up and filtered up so it's part of that program also."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else wish to be heard on the resolutions?"

All right. Can we take a short brief recess because the Boy

Scouts are supposed to be here at 3:15 and they're not here (inaudible) community service patch. So can we take a short recess?

All right. Can we take a short recess? Okay. Folks, we're going to take a short recess and then we'll-- as soon as we get started we'll come back with resolutions."

Recess 3:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened: 3:22 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "All right, we're going to get started again. I want to welcome the Webelos-- I was a Webelo and I can't even pronounce it right, scouts. Our scoutmaster, our den leader is Dianna-- go ahead, thank you, say it again, Jacobowski (phonetic), I'm sorry. I grew up-- it was all Italians in Port Jeff Station where I grew up. Polish names, I'm sorry guys.

Dianna, do you want to come up for a second or would you like to have-- who is your most eloquent speaker today that can explain why you're here? Well, who's your most-- why are we here today? You're going to be on camera, you're going to be famous. Like you've got volunteers.

You have to go up to that podium right there, that microphone, and just pull it down low so that you can talk sort of into it and they're recording you. You see yourself-- can you see yourself in the picture there? All right. You're being recorded. So who are you and why are you here?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "I'm Matthew Jacobowski from Cub Scout and I am here to earn our citizen badge."

Supervisor Walter: "And what is so special about today, Matthew? I happen to know what it is. What is it?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "It is my birthday."

Supervisor Walter: "It's your birthday. It's Matthew's birthday so we're going to sing happy birthday to Matthew."

(At this time, Happy Birthday was sung to Matthew)

Supervisor Walter: "That's cool. How old are you now?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "Ten."

Supervisor Walter: "Wow, that's pretty cool. So this is a citizenship badge. What kind of stuff do you have to do for a citizenship badge?"

Councilman Wooten: "You have to go to a boring town meeting."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you go camping?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "For public speaking."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Wow. Do you know what the Riverhead flag looks like? What color is it?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "Blue and green."

Supervisor Walter: "Nice. And where are you guys going camping?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "The- Baiting Hollow."

Supervisor Walter: "I camped there when I was a boy. It's pretty cool. And it's going to be very cold. Are you in tents?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Who's going to snuggle up with you? It's going to be cold."

Matthew Jacobowski: "My dad."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Well, you guys are here and is it the- oh, I'm sorry, it's not citizenship, it's the arrow of light. That's what I have written here."

Councilwoman Giglio: "That's the thing you need in order to become a boy scout, the arrow of light."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, it is the citizenship. Well, you've come to the right place. This is the town board meeting and where we're the rubber meets the road. I don't know if you guys know what that means, but we're the guys that fill your potholes, send the police out, pick up your trash, make sure you cut your grass, provide water, all the things that you guys do every day. We're the guys that make that happen. So this is a good place to start.

Anything else you want to tell us?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "No."

Supervisor Walter: "All right, good. You're very spoken."

Councilman Wooten: "Happy birthday."

Councilwoman Giglio: "How about the pledge? You guys want to stand up and do the pledge? That's a good thing for citizenship."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you want to- we'll say the pledge of allegiance again."

(At this time, the pledge of allegiance was recited, led by the cub scouts)

Supervisor Walter: "All right, guys."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Does anybody have any questions they want to ask us?"

Supervisor Walter: "All right. I'm sure this will probably be pretty boring for you. Do you have a question?"

Matthew Jacobowski: "What do you do here at town hall?"

Councilman Wooten "A lot of people want to know that."

Supervisor Walter: "We give you- we manage your water, we provide police protection, we pick up your trash, we pave the roads. The highway superintendent was here. We make parks."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We make regulations pertaining to the safety of your house so when your house is built, it's built safely so nobody gets hurt while they're living in that house.

We check your electricity. We make— so we do a lot for the public safety as far as the citizens of the town of Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else have a question? Okay."

Cub Scout: "How do you make the laws?"

Supervisor Walter: "We pass something called the resolution. What happens is one of the board members will draft a resolution or the town attorney's office will draft a resolution for something that we want to do and we're going to vote on probably 30 of them today and one board member offers the resolution to the floor. A second board member seconds it. Once the board member seconds it, then you have to have a vote and if you get three people in favor of it, it gets adopted and if you don't, it fails. And if you don't get a second, it doesn't go up for vote."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And that's called a local law. It's only for the town of Riverhead. That's all it pertains to. We also have a public hearing before any of these laws or regulations are put into effect. We have a public hearing, get comments from the public on anything that we do or change a regulation or law for anything that we do. We always have to have a public hearing."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Anybody else? Everyone wants to be on camera today. Go ahead."

Cub Scout: "Do you like your job?"

Supervisor Walter: "I love my job. I love my job and I'll tell you what. Anybody that I— sometimes there's a lot of people in this world that don't like their job and here's a good life lesson for you.

I can't imagine how you can go through every day and not like your job. So when you guys get older and you get a job, don't be afraid. If it's a job that you don't like, get another one, do something else.

Do you know how many different— I've had like three or four different careers in my 45 years and every time there's something that I think will be more— it's something that's exciting, I try to do it. If I can do it, I do it.

So, yes. And I think everybody probably loves their job here."

Councilman Wooten: "Ninety nine percent of them."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Our job is to help people so that's a lot of fun, helping people."

Supervisor Walter: "Who else? Go ahead."

Cub Scout: "Why is the flag blue and green?"

Supervisor Walter: "That's the town flag. Supervisor Joseph Janowski back in the early '80's designed it, and it has-- if you look at it and don't ask me-- I don't remember what the-- who knows what the Latin stands for?"

The flag-- the flag symbolizes the town hall, the fact that we're surrounded by water and the farming community. I actually have it backwards. It should be the other way. Well, that's the symbol. But that's the flag that was designed for the town."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Peace and prosperity through progress. You know, I should know that. Peace and prosperity through progress. I-- you know, here I'm 22 months being your town supervisor and I never really thought about it until you guys asked me that."

Any other questions?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I just want to say Supervisor Janowski when he re-designed the flag, he was an art teacher before he became supervisor. So he had that in him to draw and to design stuff. So that's why he's the one that did the art work and the re-design of our flag."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you want a little secret? See this seal behind me? That one's correct. The ship, the boat with the different flags, that one is correct. If you look at the seal that's on the podium right there, that's actually the one that Supervisor Janowski had designed but when it was adopted, he went to a couple people in the boat building business and they said what he designed could never sail so they came and they adopted this one

which was actually correct.

So you have a secret— not a secret but you know something. If you see one that has three sails, it's not the right seal.

Anybody else? How about the gentleman in the blue and then we'll go— "

Cub Scout: "What do you have to do to get this job?"

Supervisor Walter: "It looks easy, right? Do you see all those political signs out there? All the signs that say vote for Walter. I'm Walter. Cardinale is the gentleman that just left. He was here but he left. He was the former supervisor. I ran for an election against him and I won and now he's running for an election against me and on November 8th, all your moms and dads will go to the polls and they'll vote and if I get— just like a resolution. If I get the majority of the voters, then I win. If I don't, then Supervisor Cardinale wins.

It's a tough business."

Councilman Wooten: "Just like when you're in school, class president. You've got to get the— "

Supervisor Walter: "All right, anybody that hasn't spoken? Because we— yes, go ahead."

Cub Scout: "How do you make a national park?"

Supervisor Walter: "How do you make a national park? Well, we don't make national parks, Congress does that. There's two ways that it can be done. One is probably somewhat suspect but it has been done in the past.

The president of the United States through an executive order has in the past made national parks. But the real way you make a national park is Congress votes— a bill is introduced. It goes to a committee in the Senate and the Congress or House of Representatives, and the committee if they like it, they will move the bill out of committee to the full Congress and the Senate will vote on the bill and then the House of Representatives will vote on the bill. And then if they're the same, they will go to the president for signature.

If they're different, then it's the same issue, but a different bill, they have a conference committee and then the conference committee reconciles the two bills to make them into one bill and then it would go to the president and it's a lot more into it.

But that's a very--that's the thumbnail."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We make local parks like Stotsky Park. There's a park on West Main Street. So that's what we do. We vote to make local parks so everybody can enjoy the open space of the park setting locally. Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "Good question. All right. Go ahead, son."

Cub Scout: "When you decide how to do it there's so much things everybody asks you stuff, how do you decide (inaudible) one person?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. There is a lot of competing interests, in other words, there's a lot of people that ask us to do different things and here's another life lesson for you.

Every one of you have core values and when you get elected to public office or when you take a job someplace, those core values, they make up who you are and how you decide things. You rely on those core values to make decisions.

There are some politicians that will go like this to see how the wind is going and if they think the wind is favorable, they'll vote a certain way. I'm not one of them. I'm one of these people and I think this board is not-- none of this board does that.

This board has very strong core values and they bring those values to the table and they make decisions. And don't ever forget that. Who you-- what makes up your value system is what you draw on when people are asking you to make decisions.

All right. Did we get everybody? All right. Thank you.

Did the press have some questions? What was it-- was not conjunction junction what's your function. But there's one-- on channel 7 they used to have the bill went into law. Who can sing? How the bill-- right, how do you sing that? I can't believe you guys

have never seen that. Schoolhouse rock."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "The supreme court building on Griffing Avenue. Riverhead still is the county seat."

Councilman Dunleavy: "The mailing address is Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "That's right. Flanders and Riverside are adopted constituencies. Okay, let's get started with the resolutions."

Resolution #808

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute an agreement with the County of Suffolk for diesel generator. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #809

Councilman Wooten: "809 is a CDBG 2011 program budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #810

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Establishment of audit committee. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #811

Councilwoman Giglio: "Establishes the date for the 12th annual town of Riverhead bonfire and holiday celebration. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #812

Councilman Dunleavy: "General fund Grumman memorial budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #813

Councilman Wooten: "This is a general fund police department budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #814

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Highway district budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; "Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #815

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the town of Riverhead to remove rubbish, debris and the cutting of grass and weeds from property known as 2913 North Wading River Road, Wading River, New York 11792 pursuant to Chapter 96 entitled Trash, Rubbish and Refuse Disposal of the Riverhead town code, Migdalia Marin Trustee and Jason Cavola. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, no; Wooten, of course, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #816

Councilman Dunleavy: "Insurance reserve fund balance budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "With the correction (inaudible). Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, no; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #817

Councilman Wooten: "This is a Riverhead sewer district budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #818

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Awards bid for downtown waterfront docks program. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I just want to say that this is a very exciting project and it's taken a long time to get these docks approved for the New York State DEC so that we can put docks downtown wide enough to where we can have regattas and we can have crew teams come out and actually launch from our riverfront and go down through the beautiful Peconic River.

So it's very exciting that it's happening and that the docks will be installed prior to November 13th which will be the Snowflake Regatta and we expect several crew teams from all over Suffolk County to come and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Peconic River.

So I'll vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "This will (inaudible)."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Put it in tomorrow-- on the weekend."

Councilman Wooten: "Then I guess I better vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We hope it's going to be installed by

then.

I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. I just want to thank Councilwoman Giglio. She's been pushing for this a long time and did a good job. Thank you."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #819

Councilwoman Giglio: "Ratifies approval of military leave of absence for a police officer. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #820

Councilman Dunleavy: "Appoints a public safety dispatcher to the police department. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "And I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #821

Councilman Wooten: "821 again appoints a public safety dispatcher to the police department. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, I'll abstain. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #822

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Appoints a public safety dispatcher to the police department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Even though it's sort of a similar last name, there's no relationship. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #823

Councilwoman Giglio: "Accepts the resignation of a part time homemaker. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #824

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute an inter-municipal agreement authorizing the town to accept matching grant funds from the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration program regarding the Wading River duck ponds water quality improvement project in the maximum amount of \$169,925.00. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Say that twice-- fast. Moved and

seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #825

Councilman Wooten: "Authorization to publish advertisement for pick up and removal of town yard waste. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #826

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize the supervisor to execute professional services agreement with East End Accounting Services Corp.. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, no; Gabrielsen, no; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #827

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorization for building department to waive application fee for East End Arts Council for holiday banner. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #828

Councilman Dunleavy: "Pay the bills. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Diane Wilhelm: "And we have the- "

Supervisor Walter: "What number are we at?"

Diane Wilhelm: "829."

Resolution #829

Councilman Wooten: "I'll move to take 829 off the floor which deals with the Riverhead downtown waterfront docks program budget adoption. So I move to take it off the floor."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded to take off the floor."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. And I want to thank the county for their aid and economic development to supply money for these docks so that they can be installed and they'll bring people to downtown."

Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is taken off the floor."

Supervisor Walter: "Jodi, do you want to move it for a vote?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay. I'd like to move Resolution #829, the budget adoption for the docks. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution 829 is adopted."

Resolution #795

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'd like to take Resolution #794 which was tabled and un-table it. 795, excuse me, which was tabled and un-table it. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "As amended. We're going to amend Gershow Recycling."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We have to take it off the floor first. Take it off the floor. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "That's not correct. We've got to un-table it."

Supervisor Walter: "Right. Do we have a second?"

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded to un-table it."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is un-tabled."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. So we're going to amend it and take out Gershow Recycling and add Michael Majeski (phonetic). I'm looking at Tara's handwriting- Muse, Michael Muse and, okay, there you go, Michael Muse, Inc.

Do you have a copy of this?"

Diane Wilhelm: "I do."

Supervisor Walter: "And can we move that?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'll take Resolution 795, authorize the sale of surplus town personal property to wit Ship Chain, as amended. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Now we open up the town board meeting for anybody that wants to discuss anything that might fall under the purview of the town. And we ask you to limit your comments to five minutes. Anybody want to address the town?"

Not seeing anybody, can I get a motion to adjourn?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion to adjourn the town board meeting."

Councilman Wooten: "Second. All in favor? Go."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor."

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming, folks."

Meeting adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

Chae M. Wilhelm
Town Clerk